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Applicant, by and through its attorneys of record, respectfully requests a report as to the status of the Corrected Filing Receipt in the above-noted application. A Request for Corrected Filing Receipt, copy enclosed, was filed on October 17, 2005. As of the date of this letter, the online records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (the PAIR system) have not been updated in conformance with our afore-mentioned Requests, nor has a Corrected Filing Receipt been received in this matter. Applicant encloses a copy of the returned postcard for the Request for Corrected Filing Receipt which was acknowledged by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Applicant requests that the United States Patent and Trademark Office issue a Corrected Filing Receipt in conformance with changes made in the previously submitted Request for Corrected Filing Receipt.

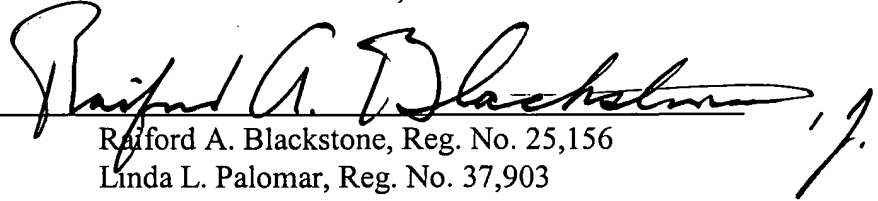
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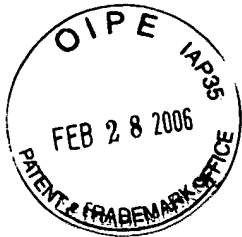
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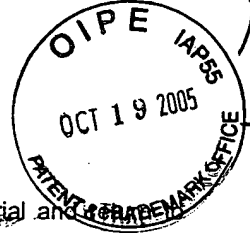
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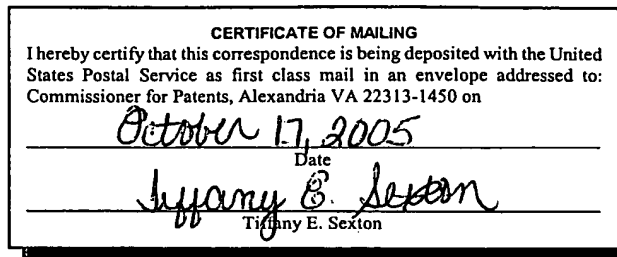
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This Filing Receipt is in error because it lists the residence of inventor Christopher Earl Nightingale as Poplar, United Kingdom, when in fact it should be **London**, United Kingdom as indicated on the revised Application Data Sheet, copy enclosed.

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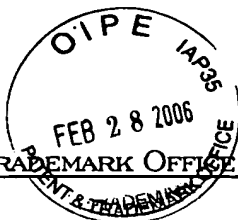
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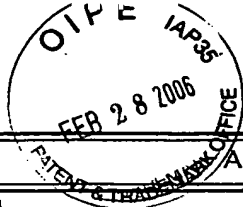
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